

THE BRIDGE



*With open arms
for all!
All are welcome!*

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH • 4700 LONG BEACH BOULEVARD, BRANT BEACH, NJ 08008



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*Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter.
Then the word of the Lord came to him: Why are you here?*

1 Kgs.19:9


THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 13, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, NJ

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, August 12	(L) Living +Deceased 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Fran Jennetté +Walter Radomski, Jr.	1 Kgs. 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom. 9:1-5; Mt. 14:22-33	
Sunday, August 13	7:15 AM +Richard Leinhauser 8:30 AM +Margaret Fultz +Kurt Dombrowski 10:00 AM +Walter Radecliffe +Susan McCarron +Victor & Joan Kari 11:30 AM +Renee Sweeney	1 Kgs. 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom. 9:1-5; Mt. 14:22-33	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, August 14	9:00 AM +Anthony D'Souza <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Vigil</i> 7:00 PM +John Vasile	Dt. 10:12-22; Mt. 17:22-27 Rv. 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor. 15:20-27; Lk. 1:39-56	9:45 AM Pastoral Care Ministry, Room 102
Tuesday, August 15	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 9:00 AM +Edward & Dolores Pottichen +Katherine Byrne	Rv. 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor. 15:20-27; Lk. 1:39-56	<i>Live-Streaming 9:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, August 16	9:00 AM +Patricia Gillies	Dt. 24:1-12; Mt. 18:15-20	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, August 17	9:00 AM +Gloria Lovell	Jos. 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt. 18:21, 19:1;	9:45 AM Pastoral Care Ministry, Room 102
Friday, August 18	9:00 AM +Eugene & Lucille D'Amico +Andrew Noll	Jos. 24:1-13; Mt. 19:3-12	
Saturday, August 19	9:00 AM +Stephen Casale 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Thomas Lally +Donald DeLotto +Gladys May Jones	Jos. 24:14-29; Mt. 19:13-15 Is. 56:1, 6-7; Rom. 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt. 15:21-28	
Sunday, August 20	7:15 AM (L)Sr. Ellen Doyle OSU 8:30 AM +Donna Weiss +Megan Chuisano +Dr. Eugene Kelly 10:00 AM +Margaret Kohutanycz, <i>ofs</i> +Joseph Wright +Janice Ward 11:30 AM +William Hester +Anthony Aquino	Is. 56:1, 6-7; Rom. 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt. 15:21-28	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb

Holy Day of Obligation
The Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Vigil Mass:
Monday, August 14th
7:00pm Brant Beach

Holy Day Masses:
Tuesday, August 15th
9:00am in Brant Beach, Surf City
and Beach Haven churches

St. Clare Church 56th & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, August 12	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, August 13	8:30 AM +Ernest Desharnais 10:00 AM +Benefactors
Saturday, August 19	5:00 PM +Roberto G. Suguitan
Sunday, August 20	8:30 AM +Benefactors 10:00 AM +Richard A. DiFilippo

Emergency Information

1. Call the main office (609) 494-8861.
There will be a recording.
2. Check Facebook
www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
St Francis of Assisi Parish for updates.

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, August 12	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Gerald Vile +Joan Sheen Cunningham 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, August 13	8:30 AM (L)Thomas AJ McGinn 10:00 AM +Jack & Ann & Bernard McElvenny +Annis Louise Lane +Nancy Clay 11:30 AM +Benefactors
Tuesday, August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 AM +James M. Kempiski +Catherine Beyer
Saturday, August 19	5:00 PM +S. Alice Ruane, SSND +Thomas Keuper +John Besack
Sunday, August 20	8:30 AM +Andrew Noll 10:00 AM +Sonia Vanderbilt +Thomas & Agnes Thackston +Andrew Noll 11:30 AM +People of the Parish

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, August 12	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +People of the Parish 5:00 PM +Sr. Margaret Mary San Antoni
Sunday, August 13	8:30 AM +Janice Catania +Irene Sommer +John O'Mara 10:00 AM +Michael Clarke +Gregory Hammill +Timmy McGlynn 11:30 AM +Louis B. Sabbers +Dr. Thomas P. Massa +Anthony "Ninnie" Sabbers
Tuesday, August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 AM +Mary & Angelica Lonni
Saturday, August 19	5:00 PM +Abigail Mae Rollenhagen
Sunday, August 20	8:30 AM +William McGovern +Robert Lempa 10:00 AM +Kitty & Joe Heffernan +Michael Clarke +Gregory Hammill +Suzanne Kelly Crossley 11:30 AM +J. Thomas McGlynn +Audrey Bogert

Read our bulletin online at
www.stfrancisparishlbi.org
 Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
 Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram:
[StFrancisChurchLBI](https://www.instagram.com/StFrancisChurchLBI)
 St. Francis is a sending Parish to St. Mary Academy
 (609) 597-3800 or visit: www.stmaryknights.org

A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
pastor

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sunday, August 13, 2023

FOS 2023 AND FOS 2024

The *Festival of the Sea 2023* was a great moment of summer fun here on Long Beach Island. It is safe to say that fun was had by all. Of course we all know the great amount of love and devotion to St. Francis of Assisi Parish that is needed to gather everyone together to make this event a great celebration.

Once again, I have to say that the food was outrageous. [*Of course I am going to start with the food. It's an Italian thing...actually is also a very Eucharistic thing, too!*] A larger than life shout out to **Joe and Lorri D'Orsi** and their team of volunteers for once again providing us with a magnificent food court. Joe's Manhattan clam chowder and Lorri's meatballs and gravy [*I know, some of you call it sauce*] were delicious. We not only thank you for organizing our kitchen but also for your very generous donation of all the food.

I do have to add a **Special WooHoo** to Lorri and Joe as they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary *in our kitchen* making sure our Festival was well feed! Now that is dedication!! Congratulations on your commitment and witness of 50 years of married life and love, and for your great dedication to St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

The entire *FOS 2023 Committee* also deserves a standing ovation! **Tim Butler, Jim Brady, Michelle DiBella, Amanda DeFusco, Lorri D'Orsi, Bob Jeranek, Amy Marks, Jim Mazzerina, Mary Lou McGurkin, Angela Ominiski, and Dan Rodriguez** each with their own responsibilities and all did an outstanding job. Thank you!

Once again, **ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS** go above and beyond! With over **85 volunteers** every night and more than **120 volunteers in total** the only way we can run the Festival is because they said yes! Thank you! Thank you! We don't have enough space to list all of the names but I do sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart. *You are what makes this parish fantastic!*

A special thanks to **our Parish & Center Maintenance Team** for their sheer determination to transform a parking lot into a festival fairground and then back to a parking lot in time for Sunday Masses and for all the little things you do that most people don't even see.

Thank you to **Murphy's Markets** for their donation of a pallet of bottled water and to **Costco, BJs, and Target** for their gift card donations.

Thank you to the **Long Beach Township** for loaning us the fence to cordon off our beer court and thank you to the **Long Beach Township Police** for their continued support and protection, not only during the Festival, but all year. Thank you to **Police Chief Kevin Mahon and all on the LBT Police Department**.

Thank you to **Dan Fontana** for bringing his gift of music from cantoring at Mass to our Festival grounds over the weekend and to **Steve Egoavil** who was our Friday night DJ.

Thank you to **Barlow Buick GMC** for sharing their half page advertisement on the back of last week's The SandPaper.

Thank you to **The Van Dyk Group**, the *Presenting Sponsor of the Festival of the Sea 2023*. Thank you to **Dave Wyrsh, Sr., the Wyrsh Family and the entire team at The Van Dyk Group**. We know them not only as a reliable insurance and financial company, as well as one of our community's larger individual and commercial real estate agencies, we also know the Wyrsh families as parishioners of St. Francis. We are most grateful for your continued generosity to our parish.

Thank you to **all of our sponsors**. The names of our sponsors can be found on our webpage. Thank you all!!

I would normally end my words of thanks looking to the next Festival **BUT** I have to add that next year we will be mixing it up a bit. We will be welcoming **Campy's Blue Star Amusements** for the *Festival of the Sea 2024* AND our festival will be **July 2 - 6, 2024**. I am very excited that we will be bringing in a top of the line amusement company and celebrating during the 4th of July week. So mark your calendar! The fun is coming back, better than ever!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
 Pastor

Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

Emergency Information: Available on our answering machine (609) 494-8861 and on the following website: schoolclosingsnj.com and facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi.

Evacuation Information: In the event of a hurricane, severe weather, or extreme high tides, please do not call the Parish Office for assistance and note that **none** of the parish buildings (churches, community center, residences or maintenance facilities) has been designated as an evacuation site. Evacuate as soon as you can, following the direction of local officials.

Parish Registration: The Parish Office is located on the second floor of St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp., NJ. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are moving.

Baptism: The sacrament is celebrated three times a month at St. Francis Parish. Group Baptisms are the 2nd Saturday at 10:00 AM and the last Sunday at 12:45 PM each month at St. Francis Church in Brant Beach. Baptisms during Mass are celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the last Mass in each Church. Call the Parish Office for availability and requirements: (609) 494-8813 ext. 154 or 155.

Family Faith: For children in grades one through eight. Please call Judith Clayton at (609) 494-8813 ext. 153 for more information.

Marriage: In accordance with the Common Policy of the five Dioceses of New Jersey, arrangements must be made ONE YEAR in advance. Couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation classes. Weddings are performed on Friday or Saturday. Weddings are NOT performed on Sundays, the beach, Memorial Day, Fourth of July or Labor Day weekends.

Pastoral Visitations: Please notify the Parish Office if you or any of your loved ones are ill, homebound, in SOMC, nursing homes or rehabilitation centers.

Parish Office

Michele Beck, Director, Liturgy & Music
 Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM
 Judith Clayton, Director, Family Faith Formation
 Deacon Robert Cunningham
 Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM
 Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor
 Fr. John Frambes, OFM
 Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF
 Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
 Sr. Pat Klemm, OSF (in-residence)
 Marie Maslanka, Parish Secretary
 Parish Office - (609) 494-8813,
 Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)
 Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153

Parish Finance Council

Cecelia Fowler	Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
Angelo Rinaldi	Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Jay Pojednic	Joe Hummel
Joe Mack	Joe Vaszily
Peter Williams	Stacey Kelsall, <i>Comptroller</i>

Anyone who needs to contact the Parish staff or Finance Council can do so by visiting our website at: www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/contact

St. Francis Center

Community Center - (609) 494-8861
 Children's Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 114
 Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554
 Educational & Career Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 407
 Family Support Services - (609) 494-8861
 Food Pantry - (833) 511-0760
 Recreation & Aquatics - (609) 494-8861 ext. 105
 Senior Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 108 or 109

Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: **\$38,000**

This Week's Second Collection:

St. Francis Parish Ministries: Music

Assumption Envelope - August 14/15

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$38,306**

Needed: **\$38,000**

Last Week's Second Collection:

St. Francis Counseling Center

Collected: **\$11,558**




(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

**** Thank you for your generosity! ****



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Online Giving!
stfrancisparishlbi.org/donate




We are the
BODY
 of
CHRIST
2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

6.5 Million Diocesan Goal

St. Francis Parish Goal: \$100,000.00
Pledged: \$55,027.80 (55% of Goal)
Paid: \$53,269.80 (53% of Goal)
Total Donors: 251
Total Gifts: 270
Average Gift: \$203.81

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton.
 Please visit the stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Stewardship Campaign
Stewardship: The Joy of Sharing the Gospel



Dear summer vacationers. We are so happy that you join us for mass while vacationing on LBI. We hope you feel welcome at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish.

Did you know that we are now a "Stewardship Parish"? The white envelopes in the pews are samples of what we used to launch the program. Please take one and learn more about stewardship. You might want to take one for your home parish pastor.

Did you know that Stewards acknowledge that all their gifts of Talent, Time and Treasure come from God and want to share their gifts generously with others. We began the program with treasure, asking our parishioners to make a modest increase in their weekly Offertory so we can meet operating expenses, which we haven't done in years. In the Fall, we will move to time and talent and give everyone an opportunity to learn about our ministries which need volunteers who can share their time and talents.

Did you know we truly appreciate your generosity and we couldn't do what we do without your help. Your Offertory gifts enable us open and maintain three of our four churches for summer visitors. In the off season we need only four weekend masses. We increase that number to 16 in the summer! Without knowing it, you have been "summertime stewards" by sharing your treasure with us. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153)

jclayton@stfrancisbi.org

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

Mary Lou McGurkin, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



Family Faith classes begin on **September 26 and 27** for grades 1-7.

Registration forms are available on-line or in the Family Faith office. Our office hours are Monday thru Thursday between the hours of 9:00am to 3:30pm and we are closed for lunch between 12:00 and 1:00.

We ask that if you are a new family, please contact Mrs. Clayton directly for an appointment on extension 153. We like to welcome you and explain our program.

Classes are monthly on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. No Thursday evening classes are offered at this time.

Registration ends **September 15, 2023** for the 2023-2024 year.

Through the Family Faith ministry, our parish offers families to be a part of a community of believers who care for one another and reach out in service to others. St. Francis of Assisi is your spiritual home where all are welcome.

Life's Journey in Faith

Are you an adult who has never been Baptized?

Are you baptized, but looking to receive

First Communion or Confirmation?

Are you just curious about what we believe as catholic Christians?

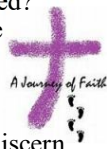
We are here to journey with you & help you discern where the Lord is calling you.

The RCIA process is intended as a journey where we come together and examine our lives in the light of the gospel and reflect on our relationships with God, others and self.

All are welcome...baptized or non-baptized...believer or non-believer.

Please call Fr. Andrew or Sr. Pat at the parish office (609-494-8861 ex157).

Our journey begins in September.



PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY AT SOUTHERN OCEAN MEDICAL CENTER WE'RE BACK!!!

We will resume visiting patients at SOMC and distributing Eucharist in the early fall of this year.

Come to an information session in Room 102 of the Community Center on one of the following dates to learn more about the ministry and to apply to join:

Monday, August 14 at 9:45 AM

Thursday, August 17 at 9:45 AM

If you are not a Eucharistic Minister, but would like to serve, come to one of these meetings.

We will make arrangements to train you.

Please contact Bobbi Greene if you have any questions:

loguegreene@comcast.net

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction

- 1: Are you interested in a deeper relationship with God?
- 2: Do you experience a desire to pray always?
- 3: Are you searching for a better understanding of the actions of God's grace in your life?

Our parish has four certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction. If you think this might be a way for you to recognize God's actions in your daily life please call:

Anne Bock, (609) 204-3835,

Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651,

Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917

Pat Simmons, (609) 661-1361.

An Invitation to Contemplative Living

Our times together invite us into prayerful reading and discussion of Scripture or other spiritual writing through Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" and a period of silent prayer. We meet by Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan (klegan.chaplain@gmail.com) for the link. On the second Saturday of the month we meet in person in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center at 9:45 AM when we also have a presentation. We always welcome new folks to join us!

Next session - **Wednesday, September 6, 10:30 AM, Zoom**

Saturday, September 9, 9:45 AM, Sr. Lounge

Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Bible Talks After Mass

Tom Troyano will be doing brief monthly talks on the bible after the 9:00 AM Mass. Next talk Wednesday, **September 6**, 9:30 AM, Brant Beach Church

Book Club

We will meet in person at St. Francis Center in the Knight Wing Conference Room, (Room 212) on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:30-2:30 PM. *The Story Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. Next meeting Tuesday, **August 29**, 1:30 PM, Room 212.

Scripture Study

Meets **bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, from 10:00-11:30 AM to learn, discuss and reflect on passages of the Sacred Scriptures. Call Tom Troyano at (732) 261-4721 or email: tomtroyano@comcast.net for more information. Next meeting Wednesday **September 6**, 10:00 AM, Room 102.

Survivors of Suicide

Meets the **2nd Thursday** of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing Conference Room (Room 212). Call Sr. Pat McNiff, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Next meeting **September 14**,

Gospel Inspirations:

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."



Like Peter we are sometimes brave and our faith is strong. But when we encounter a serious obstacle, our faith weakens and we lose confidence in our God.

In the storm Peter reaches out and Jesus is there for him.

Reach out for the Lord. The more we pray, the less we fear.



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	2023 KIA Forte LXS Valued at: \$21,535.00
	2023 KIA Seltos LX AWD Valued at: \$25,400.00
	2023 KIA K5 LXS Valued at: \$27,100.00
	2023 Dodge Ram 1500 Valued at: \$32,790.00
	2023 Jeep Wrangler Sport Valued at: \$33,485.00

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Bearer is entitled to win all five vehicles.
 Each book may carry more than one name.
 Joint ownership is possible at the discretion of the bearer.
 The drawing for all five vehicles will be Saturday, **October 7, 2023**
 at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner,
 St. Francis Community Center Gymnasium.
 Winner need not be present.
 No substitution of prize or cash in lieu of prize.
 Winner responsible for taxes.
 Proceeds benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

2023 Car Raffle

Please make your check payable to St. Francis Parish & indicate "Car Raffle" on the envelope or purchase online at stfrancisparishlbi.org/carraffle No phone purchases

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____ Would you like to be on our mailing list? Yes/ No
 # of Books Requested (\$100 each) _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Franciscan Faith Community of **Holy Name Province** in the Diocese of Trenton. Find out more about Holy Name Province online at: www.hnp.org

Employment Opportunity

Community Center (609-494-8861)

Counseling Services

Positions: Full time Licensed Counselor and Full-time or Part-time Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish) Licensed Counselor **Days:** Monday through Friday (Some evening hours required) Must complete 40-hour Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate Training (provided free of charge by the agency). On-site clinical supervision is provided. **Must have Current Professional License:** LSW, LAC, LPC or LCSW.

Children's Services-Teacher's Assistant

Be willing to fulfill his/her responsibilities in accordance with the Center's/Children's Services Philosophy/Mission Statement. Prefer a background in early childhood education. (13-months to 5-years of age). First Aid & CPR Certified and/or Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus. **Position:** Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours) **Days:** Monday-Friday **Pay:** \$15 per hour

Recreation/Pool (Year round)

Position: Pool Lifeguard – Part time employment for an indoor pool and 2 seasonal outdoor pools. MUST currently possess Red Cross pool lifeguard certification, CPR/AED and First Aid Certification. **Days:** Monday-Friday, and/or weekend – flexible schedule **Pay:** \$14.13 per hour

Position: Swim Lesson Instructors Year-round part time employment for an indoor pool and 2 seasonal outdoor pools. Pool lifeguard certification, CPR/AED and First Aid Certification are not required but preferred. For weekday lessons 8am-4pm, Age 4 years to adults **Days/Hours:** Monday-Friday, Hours range from 8-29 per week, (may occasionally exceed 29 hours) **Pay:** \$15 per hour

Family Support Services

Position: In-home Bilingual Therapist (fluent English/Spanish) Full time Position - Therapist will travel throughout Ocean County to conduct therapy sessions with DCP&P referred clients in home. Applicants must have valid driver's license. Must have Current Professional License: LSW, LAC, LPC, or LCSW. Clinical supervision provided at no cost to the employee. **Days:** Monday through Friday- 30-40 hours per week.

Position: Parenting and Anger Management Group Facilitator Full time position- Prepare and facilitate Parenting, Anger Management, and Parenting in Recovery Groups. Responsible for all aspects of program implementation and evaluation, including intake, assessment tools, reporting, and statistics. Must have strong interpersonal skills, knowledge of factors which influence child abuse and neglect. Must have valid driver's license, and a minimum of Master's degree in Social Work or related field. **Days:** Monday – Friday 30-40 hours per week- Some evening hours.

Parish (609-494-8813)

Position: Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry, Full time position. Create faith-based programs for young adults and young people. Recruit volunteers. Coordinate service projects. Must be active Catholic with BA and Youth Ministry experience. **Days:** Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required

Maintenance Department

Position: Full time Maintenance/Cleaning – of Parish properties. Some knowledge/experience in Plumbing, Electric, Carpentry, and HVAC Systems preferred. Building maintenance and grounds, setup/take down for events, etc. Must be able to lift 50lbs and have valid driver's license. **Pay:** based on experience. **Days/Hours:** Monday- Friday– with potential for evening or weekend hours.

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

- *Full-time positions are offered Health Care, Paid time off (with additional earning for years of service), 16 Paid Holidays, Life Insurance, 403B (retirement plan) w/ company match, & more.
- * Part-time positions are offered Paid sick time, Paid Holidays (excluding seasonal/variable) and Employee Discounts.
- *Seasonal employees working at least 10 hours per week are entitled to a free pool membership during the period of their employment.

PILGRIMAGE TO EMERALD IRELAND



HOSTED BY
FR. ANDREW REITZ, OFM

11 DAYS: APRIL 16 - 26, 2024
WATERFORD * KILLARNEY * CLIFFS OF MOHER
GALWAY * CONNEMARA * KNOCK * SLIGO * DUBLIN



\$3549 PER PERSON FROM NEW YORK
(Air/land tour price is \$3049 plus \$500 government taxes/airline surcharges)

FOR A BROCHURE WITH COMPLETE DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT OR DETACH & MAIL TO:

Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM	NAME: _____
4700 Long Beach Blvd.	ADDRESS: _____
Brant Beach, NJ 08008	CITY: _____
Tel: (917) 275-5593	STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____
Email: areitz@stfrancisbi.org	PHONE: _____
	EMAIL: _____

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*Do you ever wish you could stop the world for a day,
catch your breath and have a chance to reflect on what's
really important in your life?*

The 24-hour Cornerstone is designed to do just that.

SAVE THE DATE!
**St. Francis Women's
Cornerstone Experience**
For women 18+



... Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good and his love endures forever.
Psalm 106.1

October 20th & 21st, 2023
For more information contact
Lauren Finelli at lgy_finelli@hotmail.com or
Marion Pierri at mdp93@comcast.net

SPECIAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES:

Spaghetti Dinner	October 7
LBI 18 Mile Race	October 8
Holiday Craft Show	November 18 & 19
Beefsteak Dinner	December 1
American Red Cross Blood Drive	December 12
Dakota & Elle Christmas Concert	December 15

"Dinner with Friends"

We are inviting all widows and widowers to join us at our monthly *"Dinner with Friends"* gathering. This is not a counseling program, but simply an hour or two of pleasant conversations, an informal dinner, and a healthy serving of laughter!

August gathering will be on Tuesday, **August 15th** at 5:15pm in the Brant Beach Church Hall. The entrance to the hall is at the northern end of the church/hall building.

Feel free to attend whenever you can.

If you need a ride to/from the gathering, please call Angela Ominski at 609-618-9974 to arrange for your transportation. Feel free to attend whenever you can. This month's dinner is "bring your own". Hope you can join us! All are welcome!

Peace and all good, Angela, Kathleen & JoAnne


Fundraiser for St. Francis Community Center!

We now have blue Recycle America bins located:

- St. Francis Community Center**
4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach
- St. Thomas Aquinas Church**
2nd & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven
- St. Clare Church**
56 St. & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies



These bins can be filled with clothes, purses, shoes, bedding and pillows. Recycle America will collect the items and redistribute them to those in need. In turn, this is a Fundraising opportunity for us – we receive a percentage of every pound collected.



THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiative outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines regarding the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Walk-ins are welcome!

*The St. Francis Food Pantry has a variety of food options, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies available. Please ask about our Dairy-Free Milk alternatives, Gluten-Free or Vegan options, Baby Food, Formula, & Diapers. *Spanish-speaking staff is available to translate.*

*Join our text message alert system to receive alerts about the food pantry and annual projects. **TO ENROLL TEXT "PANTRY" TO 833-511-0760** **carrier text message rates may apply***

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

We are in **DESPERATE** need of all non perishable goods. **Canned Goods: Vegetables, Beans, Chicken and Canned Meals.**

All personals products:

**Soaps, Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, Deoderant, Toilet Paper
Coffee, Tea, Oatmeal, Snacks**

Donations for the Food Pantry can be left in the bins marked "donation" in the front of the Community Center. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry it can be made through our website: <http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate> via

Family Support Services:

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- **Parenting & Anger Management Groups**
- **Auto Ownership**
- **Parents As Teachers**
- **Maintaining the Integrity of Spanish Speaking Families**

Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



St. Francis Community Center's Preschool and Childcare are fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

www.naeyc.org/our-work-for-families.org. We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. www.grownkids.gov.

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Surviving to Thriving

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ST FRANCIS COUNSELING SERVICE

PARENTING AFTER

Join us for 8 weeks of FREE and confidential group counseling sessions with parents that are learning to navigate the world after their child has been sexually abused or assaulted.

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St. Francis Counseling Service in collaboration with Surf City Police Department presents:

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August 21st, 2023

Join us at the Surf City Farmer's Market from 8am-12pm:
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713 Long Beach Boulevard
Surf City, NJ, 08008

Donations will be collected for St. Francis Food Pantry. Enjoy a cup of coffee and complimentary travel mug while supplies last!

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Did You Know??

St Francis Counseling Service will be collaborating with Surf City Police Department for "Coffee, Cops and Consent" on **August 21st** at the Surf City Fire Department Farmer's Market. The event will run from 8 AM to 12 Noon and giveaways, including coffee and coffee cups, will be available while supplies last, as well as information about counseling services. Please bring non-perishable food items for the St Francis Food Pantry!

Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the **Summer Brochure** online at www.sfFranciscenterlbi.org or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.

TUESDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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Tuesdays are family fun nights!

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AUGUST 22: Free Open Gym Basketball

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THIS IS NOT AN ORGANIZED GAME.

All Family Fun Nights are subject to change or cancellation Please Call St. Francis at 609-494-8861 for more information.

Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



Information and Assistance, Telephone Reassurance Calls, Caregiver Assistance Options Counseling: Application Assistance for PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled), Meals on Wheels, SHIP Counseling (State Health Insurance Program), Energy Assistance, JACC (Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers) and many more. Socialization, Recreation, and Exercise programs are available - please call for availability.

The LBI Health Department is doing

Blood Pressure Screenings

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Cultural Competency Statement

The St. Francis Center recognizes a culturally diverse community and makes a commitment to the principles of multiculturalism as a means of understanding, accepting, valuing, and supporting cultural diversity. The term Multicultural is applied broadly to include issues of minority or marginalized status as it relates to race, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, use of English as a second language, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, spirituality, and the elderly. The St. Francis Center proposes to develop programs and practices that assist staff, board members, and volunteers to recognize, accept, and affirm differences and similarities among people and provide services that are supportive and inclusive of all members of the community.

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Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

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